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REPORT OF THE

Town Clerk

1943

BIRTHS

January 28	Landry, Kenneth Welles
February 2	Casten, June Maureen
February 28	Pinard, Francis George
May 11	Payson, Russell Henry
May 29	Cram, Thomas James
June 10	Lavalley,
June 27	Strong, Kenneth Allan
July 10	Lyman, Lucinda Ball
July 28	Bishop, Ronald Paul
August 13	Ormsby, Marcia Mastin
August 20	Blakesley, Donald Alfred
August 23	Miller, Robert Edward
September 3	Aloisi, David Leo
September 10	Searle, George Curtis, Jr.
November 6	Loud, Cynthia May
November 6	Loud, Charles Howard
December 2	Martin, Carol Ann

DEATHS

1	April 10	John Franklin Reed Airplane crash	27	4	28
2	April 19	Edward Hooker Montague Cerebral hemorrhage	82	0	29
3	May 5	Ernest M. Shaw Acute dilation of heart	57	7	14
4	June 10	Lavalley stillborn			

5 June 26	Flint, Louisa Elizaheth Coronary thrombosis	86	6	23
6 November 10	Cayo, Herbert Carcinoma	89		

MARRIAGES

1 April 20	Allan Strong	Westhampton
	Edith Coburn	Cummington
2 November 14	Frederick Huntington Burr	Westhampton
	Mary Jean Carpenter	Greenfield
3 December 26	Grover Mills Church	Westhampton
	Shirley Mae Chenet	Northampton

DOG ACCOUNT

Dr.

June 1, 1943

21 male dogs	@ $2.00	$42.00	
10 spayed females	@ $2.00	20.00	
			$ 62.00

Cr.

To County Treasurer	$55.80	
To Town Clerk, 31 fees @ $ .20	6.20	
		$ 62.00

Dr.

December 1, 1943

22 male dogs	@ $2.00	$44.00	
4 spayed females	@ $2.00	8.00	
6 females	@ $5.00	30.00	
			$ 82.00

Cr.

To County Treasurer	$75.60	
To Town Clerk, 32 fees @ $ .20	6.40	
		$ 82.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Dr.

23	Resident citizen fishing	@ $2.00	$46.00	
33	Resident citizen hunting	2.00	66.00	
16	Resident citizen sporting	3.25	52.00	
10	Resident minor and female fishing	1.25	12.50	
1	Minor trapping	2.25	2.25	
2	Resident citizen trapping	5.25	10.50	
2	Resident citizen sporting	free		
1	Nonresident 3-day fishing	1.50	1.50	
				$190.75

Cr.

To Division of Fisheries and Game	$169.25	
To Town Clerk, 88 fees @ $ .25	21.50	
		$190.75

CHARLES M. NORRIS,
Town Clerk.

Westhampton Mass., December 31, 1943.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

MALCOLM S. HARLOW, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

Town Treasurer

December 31, 1943.

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1943			$21,271.06
Taxes			
1943	Real Estate	$ 7,643.86	
	Personal Property	3,254.92	
	Polls	180.00	
	Excise	634.27	
1942	Real Estate	1,139.96	
	Personal Property	254.42	
	Excise	48.00	
1941	Real Estate	236.04	
Interest on Taxes			
	1943	2.14	
	1942	33.34	
	1941	17.45	
Demands		1.05	
Massachusetts Highway Commission			
	Chapter 81	5,411.59	
	Chapter 90	800.00	
Hampshire County			
	Chapter 90	800.00	
	Dog Refund	109.73	
	Ice Storm	100.00	
Massachusetts School Fund,			
	Part II, Ch. 70	2,640.25	
	Income, Mass. School Fund	29.09	
Vocational School Fund		1,485.26	
High School Transportation		1,277.24	
Superintendent in Small Towns		118.12	

Old Age Assistance		
U. S. Grant	3,000.59	
Administration	99.97	
State	2,442.82	
Town of Monson	40.00	
Welfare, City of Northampton	50.00	
Massachusetts Income Tax	2,142.00	
Corporation Tax	539.62	
Meal Tax	99.79	
Interest from Trust Funds		
Cemetery	73.60	
Thayer	20.10	
Wright	20.10	
Whiting Street	27.74	
Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant	75.00	
Mass. State Treas.	9.50	
Victory and Income Taxes withheld from wages	420.96	
Highway Dept. Road Machinery Acc.	872.90	
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	133.20	
School Furnace	50.00	
Revolver Permits	2.50	
Used Car Dealer's License	5.00	
Victualer's License	1.00	
Telephone tolls	.30	
Refund, furnace oil	10.36	
Refund, Tax on floor oil	.45	
Uncashed checks	18.08	
		36,372.31
		$57,643.37

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	$22,854.48	
Paid School Committee Orders	14,812.74	
Balance on hand January 1, 1944	19,976.15	
		$57,643.37

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1943	Real Estate	$1,157.38	
	Personal Property	374.95	
	Excise	40.47	
1942	Real Estate	188.01	
			$ 1,760.81

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1943	$ 1,297.52	
Income	872.90	
Expense	554.56	
Balance January 1, 1944		$1,615.86

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Interest drawn in 1943

Cemetery

$2,000.00	Lucy Langdon Totman	$ 50.00	
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	10.05	
100.00	M. G. Strong	2.01	
100.00	George Burt	2.01	
100.00	Sarah Cook	2.01	
100.00	Samuel Edwards	2.01	
100.00	A. L. Searle	2.01	
100.00	Emma G. Damon	1.50	
50.00	D. L. Brown	1.00	
50.00	C. N. Loud	1.00	
			$ 73.60

Worthy Poor

$1,380.85	Whiting Street	$ 27,74	
1,000.00	Wright	20.10	
1,000.00	Thayer, ½ to Town and ½ to Parish	20.10	
			$ 67.94

RALPH S. BRIDGMAN,
Treasurer.

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1943.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of thirty-seven thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents ($37,667.22), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of nineteen thousand nine hundred seventy-six dollars and fifteen cents ($19,976.15). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, collector, 1943 personal tax, three hundred seventy-four dollars and ninety-five cents ($374.95), real estate tax, one thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents ($1,157.38), 1942 real estate tax, one hundred eighty-eight dollars and one cent $(188.01), and 1943 excise, forty dollars and forty-seven cents ($40.47).

MALCOLM S. HARLOW, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Charles M. Norris, Town Clerk	109.16	
Gertrude E. Flint, Registrar and typing Town Reports	6.50	
Silas Snow, Selectman Dues	12.00	
Edward A. Montague, Auditor	10.00	
Mable L. Flint, Copying Assessors records	5.00	
John J. Shields, Treas. Dues Mass. Ass'n of Commissioners	2.00	
Walter A. Witherell, Dog Officer	10.00	
Herbert G. Cronk, Treas. Assessors Dues	3.00	
Louise Parsons, School Committee	50.00	
Howard Loud, School Committee	30.00	
Edward Montague, School Committee	30.00	
R. S. Bridgman, Tax Collector	170.80	
R. S. Bridgman, Treasurer	138.50	
Myron M. Clapp, Inspector of Slaughtering	34.00	
Richard H. Tracy, Assessor	29.33	
Edith Blakesley, Copying Town orders	10.00	
F. W. Blakesley, Selectman	66.00	
F. W. Blakesley, Registrar	12.00	
C. R. Burt, Moderator	5.00	
C. R. Burt, Selectman	69.60	
C. R. Burt, Assessor	69.35	
J. C. Hathaway, Assessor	70.77	
W. M. Fiske, Selectman	75.00	
		$ 1,018.01
Delayed payment to Town Officers	40.82	
		40.82

TOWN HALL

Western Mass. Electric Co.	13.57	
Charles R. Burt, wood, damper and floor mat	12.79	
Henry M. Parsons	7.50	
		33.86

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

Robinson Seal Co., Birth Certificates and Tax Collector supplies	14.34	
Hobbs & Warren, Assessors and Selectman supplies	10.16	
Geo. R. Barnstead & Son, Assessors supplies	1.00	
W. E. Londergan, Printing Reports and Old age supplies	67.50	
Barre Gazette, Tax Collectors supplies	6.33	
R. S. Bridgman, Postage and account book	40.24	
W. M. Fiske, Postage	3.00	
C. M. Norris, Postage	1.44	
Davol Printing House	3.00	
F. W. Blakesley, Telephone and postage	8.40	
		155.41

HONOR ROLL

National Ronzite Industries, Plaque and name panels	111.25	
Richard H. Tracy	6.75	
		118.00

INTEREST, INSURANCE AND BONDS

E. Ray Ashley, Insurance on Pickup	31.42
George A. Pease, Insurance on Town Hall & Weights, Measures and balance	71.47

Sanders Insurance Agency, Bond for Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector	31.00	
George A. Pease, Compensation deposit premium	100.00	
George A. Pease, Compensation Audit	78.97	
Roscoe K. Noble, Insurance on projector and screen	6.53	
		319.39

CONTINGENT FUND

Raymond A. Warner, Transfers from Registry of Deeds	7.00	
Boston Council of Social Agencies	3.00	
City of Northampton, State Commodity Warehouse	2.88	
Dr. L. Beverly Pond, Office call	3.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
		20.88

COUNTY ICE STORM

F. W. Blakesley	39.00	
Frank Hathaway	4.00	
Howard Blakesley	5.00	
George Payson	28.00	
Allan Strong	10.00	
Clifford Payson	14.00	
		100.00

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

F. W. Blakesley	42.00
C. R. Burt	2.00
Allan Strong	31.50
George Payson	22.50
John Tylczak	27.00

Henry Parsons, Truck	49.00	
F. W. Streeter, Power Shovel	90.00	
		264.00

ROAD MACHINERY

Socony Vacuum Oil	223.76	
Taconic Lumber Co.	8.50	
Hector A. Arel Co.	24.56	
Orcutt Works	2.75	
Cernak Service Station	42.19	
Tire Engineering Corp.	9.55	
Howard Blakesley	5.75	
Cernak Motor Sales	23.25	
F. N. Graves & Son	139.67	
J. Russell & Co.	6.21	
Walsh Holyoke Steam Boiler Works Inc.	20.00	
Arthur W. Stuart	1.25	
Fritz Backer	4.45	
John Cernak	20.35	
C. R. Burt	2.00	
Manchester Co.	2.57	
J. I. Holcomb Co.	14.00	
F. W. Blakesley	3.75	
		554.56

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING AND ROAD WORK

F. W. Blakesley	266.30
Howard Blakesley	16.00
Walter R. Witherell	16.50
Walter R. Witherell, Jr.	15.50
Merrill Witherell	15.50
Clifford Payson	74.00
George Payson	73.19
Frank Hathaway	13.63
Myron Hathaway	4.00
W. M. Fiske	74.25

Allan Strong	111.76	
Stanley Bartlett	23.50	
Howard Williams	7.00	
John Watts	7.00	
Harland Lemery	4.00	
Ralph Payson	4.00	
Bisbee Bros.	30.00	
A. E. Witherell	870.80	
J. C. Hathaway	12.88	
Donald Blakesley	28.00	
Henry Parsons	16.10	
John Tylczak	22.50	
C. R. Burt	46.00	
		$ 1,752.50

GYPSY MOTH

Walter Witherell	63.00	
Russell Bass	51.50	
Howard Blakesley	40.50	
Allan Strong	31.50	
Earl Connery	9.00	
		$ 175.50

CEMETERY

Clifford Payson	4.50	
George Payson	4.50	
Allan Strong	2.25	
F. W. Blakesley	2.25	
Francis A. Loud	18.50	
Everet Blakesley	56.25	
Walter Witherell	3.75	
R. A. Baltzar	108.00	
		$ 200.00

TRUST FUNDS

Thayer Fund, R. S. Bridgman, Coll.	10.05	
Thayer Fund, L. D. Rhoades, Treas. of Parish	10.05	
Street & Wright Fund, Frances P. Loud	47.84	
Cemetery Fund, Mrs. F. W. Judd, Treas.	73.60	
		$ 141.54

FIRE DEPARTMENT

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	89.38	
		$ 89.38

LIBRARY

H. R. Huntting Co., Books	52.35	
Edith Grant, Magazines	32.25	
Marion C. Mascho, Librarian	75.13	
George H. Knight, Janitor	25.00	
		$ 184.73

MEMORIAL DAY

Francis A. Loud, Flags, drinking cups and supplies	14.40	
		$ 14.40

TAXES

Collector of Internal Revenue	229.08	
Treasurer of Hampshire County	954.04	
Treasurer of Commonwealth:		
State Tax	300.00	
Auditing municipal accounts	128.75	
State Parks & Reservations	11.05	
		$ 1,622.92

DOG LICENSES

Treasurer of Hampshire Co.		
Dog Licenses	133.20	
		$ 133.20

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

Dr. Claire Manwell	25.00	
Mable C. Bridgman, R.N.	25.00	
		$ 50.00

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Dr. Claire Manwell	37.50	
Mable C. Bridgman, R.N.	13.00	
		$ 50.50

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	109.20	
Harlow & Fennessey	4.75	
Stanley Bartlett	9.81	
R. H. Tracy	1.50	
		$ 125.26

PUBLIC WELFARE

Case No. 41	41.00	
Case No. 42	281.35	
Case No. 43	18.00	
		$ 340.35

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Case No. 1	210.00	
		$ 210.00

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION & AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Gertrude E. Flint	80.00	
Gertrude E. Flint, Supplies & Telephone	20.00	
		$ 100.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINT. ROAD MATERIAL

F. W. Blakesley, Gravel	37.20	
American Tar Co., Tar	1,437.46	
		$ 1,474.66

CHAPTER 90 MAINT. PAYROLL

John Tylczak	82.69	
George Payson	65.26	
Allan Strong	61.89	
George Munson	175.00	
Myron Clapp	20.82	
Myron Clapp, Jr.	10.69	
Elmer Bishop	9.57	
Howard Blakesley	4.50	
F. W. Blakesley	114.00	
Clifford Payson	29.26	
Donald Blakesley	67.51	
Henry Parsons	166.25	
Henry Morton	12.38	
Frank Hathaway	9.57	
Edward A. Montague	2.25	
Murray Clapp	20.26	
Wallace Kalita	18.90	
Town of Southampton	20.25	
Machinery Fund	36.40	
		$ 927.45

CHAPTER 81 ROAD MATERIAL

Federal Land Bank	15.60	
J. R. Clapp	7.20	
Clara Blakesley	2.10	
F. W. Blakesley	141.50	
Moulton Asphalt Service	66.68	
Ernest Wtherell	1.70	
Sydney Cole	1.00	
American Tar Co.	1,042.06	
J. C. Hathaway	10.70	
		$ 1,288.54

CHAPTER 81 PAYROLL

Machinery Fund	800.50
Howard Blakesley	447.75
Allan Strong	426.02

John Tylczak	498.15	
F. W. Blakesley	924.00	
George Payson	371.84	
Clifford Payson	104.63	
George Belz	15.20	
Stanley Bartlett	27.00	
W. M. Fiske	37.75	
A. E. Witherell	112.00	
H. M. Parsons	285.95	
F. W. Streeter	307.20	
Henry Morton	4.50	
Fred Bishop	13.50	
Adam Osetek	42.75	
Obed Blakesley	96.75	
C. R. Stickney	63.01	
W. Kalita	7.70	
Almon Shaw	72.50	
Town of Southampton	6.75	
Frank Hathaway	9.57	
Fred Challet	91.20	
W. R. Witherell, Jr.	9.00	
George Munson	157.70	
Donald Blakesley	140.64	
M. M. Clapp	5.07	
Murray Clapp	14.64	
M. M. Clapp, Jr.	9.57	
Elmer Bishop	41.64	
Kenneth Landry	4.50	
	———	$ 5,148.98

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case No. 25	$ 420.00	
Case No. 21	360.00	
Case No. 23	480.00	
Case No. 18	482.70	
Case No. 30	424.50	

Case No. 4	480.00	
Case No. 31	176.00	
Case No. 17	223.75	
Case No. 1	219.95	
Case No. 32	420.00	
Case No. 14	494.58	
Case No. 26	184.00	
Case No. 24	374.40	
Case No. 28	496.20	
Case No. 16	374.40	
Case No. 3	520.50	
City of Northampton	28.66	
City of North Adams	40.00	
		$ 6,199.64

RECAPITULATION

Town Officers	$ 1,018.01
Town Hall	33.86
Printing and Supplies	155.41
Honor Roll	118.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	319.39
Contingent Fund	20.88
County Ice Storm	100.00
Bridges and Railings	264.00
Road Machinery	554.56
Snow Removal, Sanding, Road Work	1,752.50
Gypsy Moth	175.50
Cemetery	200.00
Trust Funds	141.54
Fire Equipment	89.38
Library	184.73
Memorial Day	14.40
Taxes	1,622.92
Dog Licenses	133.20
Diphtheria	50.00
Well Child Clinic	50.50

Civilian Defense	125.26	
Public Welfare	340.35	
Aid to Dependent Children	210.00	
Old Age Administration and Aid to Dependent Children	100.00	
Chapter 90 Maint. Road Material	1,474.66	
Chapter 90 Maint. Payroll	927.45	
Chapter 81 Road Material	1,288.54	
Chapter 81 Payroll	5,148.98	
Old Age Assistance	6,199.64	
Delayed Payment to Town Officers	40.82	
		$22,854.48

BUDGET RECOMMENDED FOR 1944

Schools	$13,750.00
Highways Chapter 81	690.00
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	2,500.00
Town Officers	1,250.00
Old Age Assistance	3,200.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	500.00
Town Hall	100.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Printing and Supplies	200.00
Library, and Dog Fund	115.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Contingent Fund	100.00
Reserve Fund	600.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	1,200.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Civilian Defense	200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	250.00

Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Road Machinery Account	

LIST OF NAMES IN THE JURY BOX

Richard C. Warren	Truck Driver
Edward A. Montague	Farmer
Donald B. Lyman	Mechanic
Charles M. Norris	Farmer
Myron G. Hathaway	Farmer
Raymond R. Blakesley	Clerk

JURYMEN WHO SERVED IN 1943

Sydney Cole	Grand Juror
Henry P. Bridgman	Traverse Juror
Howard W. Blakesley	Traverse Juror
Maurice Scott	Traverse Juror
J. C. Williams	Traverse Juror

WILLIAM M. FISKE
FRANK W. BLAKESLEY
CHARLES R. BURT

Selectmen
Town of Westhampton.

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1943.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty eight cents ($22,854.48) for which proper vouchers are on file.

MALCOLM S. HARLOW, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

Board of Assessors

	Raise and Appropriate
Schools	$ 6,900.00
Furnace for School	1,525.00
Highways Chapter 81	690.00
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	800.00
Bridges and Railings	1,500.00
Town Officers	1,250.00
Old Age Assistance	3,500.00
Board of Health pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	500.00
Town Hall	75.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Printing and Supplies	200.00
Library, Dog Fund and	75.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	2,000.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Civilian Defense	300.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Equipment	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Delayed payment to Town Employees	40.82
Rationing Board	200.00
Honor Roll	200.00
Coal	475.00

	From Balance in Treasury
Schools	$ 6,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Contingent	100.00
Reserve Fund	600.00

Soldiers' Relief	200.00	
Rabies Vaccine	50.00	
Fire Patrol	100.00	
Road Machinery	796.80	
		$29,242.62
State Tax	300.00	
State Parks and Reservations	11.55	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	128.75	
County Tax	886.05	
Overlay	301.71	
		$ 1,628.06
		$30,870.68

Estimated receipts and available funds	$18,056.81	
Net amount raised on polls and property	12,813.87	
		$30,870.68

Personal valuation	$129,637.00	
Real estate valuation	$319,430.00	
		$449,067.00
Tax on personal property	$3,629.83	
Tax on real estate	8,944.04	
Tax on polls	240.00	
		$12,813.87
Tax rate		$ 28.00
December omitted assessment on real estate		30.80

Motor vehicle tax	676.74
Abatements on real estate	15.40
Abatements on poll tax	32.00
Exemptions on poll tax	26.00
Exemptions on real estate	158.20

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Neat Cattle	Swine	Fowls	Dwellings
1941	55	279	19	181	13	4859	167
1942	55	255	18	167	18	6097	178
1943	53	265	20	156	26	7550	187

CHARLES R. BURT
RICHARD H. TRACY
JOHN C. HATHAWAY
Assessors of Westhampton.

REPORT OF THE

Memorial Library

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	$ 75.00	
Dog tax refund	109.73	
		$ 184.73

EXPENDITURES

H. R. Huntting, books	52.35	
Edith E. Grant, magazines	32.25	
George H. Knight, janitor	25.00	
Librarian's salary	75.13	
		$ 184.73

RECEIPTS

Balance Jan. 1, 1943 in Easthampton Savings Bank	$830.48	
Bank interest	160.27	
		$ 936.75

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	$ 8.25	
Books	10.55	
Tree surgery, R. A. Baltzer	15.00	
Plumbing, T. E. Adams	3.95	
Librarian's salary	24.87	
Balance January 1, 1944	874.13	
		$ 936.75

94 books were purchased and 14 gifts were received. The will of the late Edward H. Montague provided for

the sum of $500.00 to be given to the Edwards-Thayer Memorial Library to be used for the purchase of books from time to time.

Circulation

Adult fiction	815
Non-fiction	166
Juvenile	432
Magazines	316

PHILIP J. CLAPP,
JULIA E. MONTAGUE,
ELIZABETH PERKINS,
LENA B. RICHARD,
GERTRUDE E. FLINT,
HERBERT F. MASCHO,
Trustees.

REPORT OF THE

School Committee

Appropriated at town meeting	$12,900.00	
Expended	12,812.74	
		$ 87.26
Special appropriation for furnace and fuel		$2,000.00

EXPENSES

Teachers:	Money Received	Tax	Retirement Fund	Total	
James Miller	$1,333.00	$35.00	$72.00	$1,440.00	
Miss Madalyn Wolfson	932.20	73.80	54.00	1,060.00	
Miss Rachel Bridgman	943.00	37.00	52.00	1,032.00	
Mrs. Marion Mascho, substitute				28.00	
Mrs. Esther Clapp, substitute				4.00	
Everett Sittard, music				40.00	
Arey Dulfer	44.80	11.20		56.00	
					$ 3,660.00

Administration:				
Charles Mitchell salary and expenses	$273.93	$23.75	297.68	
Louise Parsons, school census			10.00	
				$ 307.68

Local transportation:		
Charles Blakesley	$ 1,106.00	
Walter Witherell	750.50	
		$ 1,856.50

Books	$ 117.19	
Supplies	91.84	
Janitor salaries	208.58	
Fuel	101.48	
Operating expenses	98.76	
Repairs and replacements	177.31	
Insulating	362.00	
Roofing	112.00	
Rent of playground	10.00	
New equipment	39.50	
		$ 1,318.66
Health:		
Claire C. Manwell, M.D.	$ 100.00	
Mabel C. Bridgman, R. N.	100.00	
Dr. Abel Ross	50.00	
		$ 250.00
Total of cost of elementary schools		$7 7,392.84
High School pupils, tuition		
Sept. 1942—June 1943	$ 1,782.92	
Sept. 1943—Dec. 1943	523.11	
Smith School tuition	901.24	
Chesterfield, Mary Dodge, tuition	45.00	
Transportation, Sept.-Dec.	47.63	
High School and Smith School transportation	2,220.00	
		$ 5,419.90
Total expense for schools		$12,812.74
Reimbursements:		
Mass. school fund, Part I	$ 862.00	
Mass. school fund, Part II	2,640.25	
Income from Mass. school fund	29.09	
Vocational Education	1,485.26	

Superintendent in small towns	118.12	
High School tuition	1,782.92	
High School transportation	1,277.24	
		$ 8,194.88
Total cost to Westhampton		$ 4,617.86

HOWARD LOUD,
LOUISE S. PARSONS,
EDWARD A. MONTAGUE,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

FINANCES

We spent $12,812.74, not including $2,000 for the installation of a new furnace and automatic stoker, to continue the education of 91 pupils, including those at Smith's School. In the school year ending 1943, 65 pupils had been enrolled in our elementary schools, 10 at Smith's School, and 16 at Northampton High School.

The town has received reimbursements, or will receive them for the year 1943, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amounting to $8,194.88, which leaves a net cost to our taxpayers of $4,617.86. We continue to pay less from local taxes for the education of our boys and girls than most towns in the state. With the aid of additional money from the state we have to spend more per pupil than the average town since we have an unusually high cost per pupil for transportation. According to the Annual Report of the Department of Education for the school year ending June 30, 1942, Westhampton is rated as the 242d town in a list of 351 towns and cities in their valuation of 1941 per pupil in net average membership, and in our per capita cost for support of public schools we have a state rank of 72. The average cost in the state of Massachusetts to educate a pupil is $114.06 while in Westhampton it costs us $181.44 per pupil. This higher cost per pupil in Westhampton is due entirely to transportation, since the state average for transportation per pupil is only $3.13. In our town it was $28.93 for the elementary pupil and $89.59 per pupil in high school, making the average cost for us for this item alone of $59.26. When you subtract this cost of transportation from our total cost per pupil you will find that we spend less on

the education of each boy and girl than the average town or city, not including transportation. It is well to keep in mind that this higher per pupil cost is not paid by the local taxpayer but largely from state reimbursement. From local taxes we spent a small amount on the education of each boy and girl which places us in the state rank of 333rd in 351 towns and cities. With increasing costs for school transportation contractors, it seems improbable that there will be any decrease in this item until after the war.

	I	II	III
	1942 Expenditures	1943 Expenditures	1944 Budget
Administration	$ 294.20	$ 307.68	$ 315.00
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	3,294.00	3,660.00	4,200.00
Books	150.66	117.19	100.00
Supplies	277.20	91.84	100.00
Maintenance			
Janitors' Salaries	67.30	208.58	250.00
Fuel	426.91	101.48	300.00
Operating Expenses	88.14	98.76	90.00
Repairs & Replace.	91.25	651.31	100.00
General			
Health	202.86	250.00	250.00
Trans: High & Voc.	2,254.40	2,220.00	2,300.00
Elementary	2,015.50	1,904.13	2,115.00
Tuition: High	1,719.60	2,306.03	2,830.00
Elementary	45.00	45.00	45.00
Vocational	1,224.74	801.24	660.00
Miscellaneous	7.87	10.00	10.00
Outlay	189.71	39.50	85.00
Totals	$12,349.34	$12,812.74	$13,750.00

In the foregoing table Column I lists our expenditures for the financial year 1942. Our expenses for 1943 are in Column II, according to the bookkeeping system required by the State Department of Education, and our budget for 1944 is in Column III. The increase in tuition with a decreasing number of pupils is due to the increased rate per pupil per year now charged by the city of Northampton for high school pupils.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance figures for the school year ending in June, 1943, are as follows:

Center School

	Whole No. Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
James Miller, 6, 7, 8	28	23.88	21.42
Madalyn Wolfson, 3, 4, 5	17	16.04	14.52
Rachel Bridgman, 1, 2	20	18.35	16.12

STAFF

We are fortunate that our staff of last year accepted reappointments to continue with us during the present year since there is an increasing shortage of teachers, and since other communities can pay and are paying higher wages. The new state law requiring towns of this size to pay $1,000 a year in place of the former minimum of $850 inevitably raises wages for all teachers in course of time throughout the state. Since living costs have increased more than 25% since 1940 we cannot expect teachers to be satisfied with less than other groups of workers. Considering the necessary expenditure of time and money to secure education for the teaching profession, they ought to be paid more than the average unskilled worker, but at the present time the average salary of all teachers in U. S. is $600 below the average wage of factory employees.

TESTS AND REPORTS

We continue to "teach the whole child," providing material for growth depending upon the difference of our pupils. To assist us each child has standardized measurements of ability and achievement. With these objective and reliable measures of individual differences and accomplishment, our teachers instruct pupils according to the ability of the child and the level of his learning. Parents are cordially invited to visit the classroom or teachers at any time to see the results of these objective measures of accomplishment and to cooperate with the teachers for the necessary educational and vocational guidance of their children.

Our report cards, first used in 1941, and similar to those used in our state teacher training schools, and which were revised again in 1942 as a result of suggestions made by parents and teachers, remain unchanged for this school year. In answer to our questionnaire, circulated in October 1943, 86% of the parents indicated that they preferred the present type of report card while only 14% suggested possible changes.

CURRICULUM

Frank M. Rich in The Journal of Education of December, 1943, says: "There is one scale of value on which everything pertaining to schools ought to be measured; that is the welfare and instruction of children. In matters of salary, appointment, hours, equipment, et al., nobody has any rights and privileges in opposition to theirs. It is the same with control, routine, tenure, clerical or janitorial service—they exist for the benefit of instruction. Anything that fails to contribute to the welfare of learners is bad, and anybody is a traitor to the cause of education who advocates or defends it."

Judged by this standard, we have had good business management in our schools since our boys and girls have benefited from the expenditure of every dollar in our school appropriation.

It is well to keep in mind, however, the experience of Angelo Patri who used to tell about the 80c purchase of a copy of Perkins' "Mexican Twins" bought by the teacher for a classroom library and loaned to the pupils to take home after school. In the course of a year all the pupils in the class had borrowed the book and read it by themselves. In the next year the principal gave an examination on what they had learned from it. He framed two tests as nearly alike as possible, one on facts found only in the twins and one on similar facts found in the class's little textbook. The library book won the contest. It showed that 80c worth of material used for outside amusement had made more impression on the pupils' education than the full class set of books. Many experiences of this type have led modern schools to build up classroom libraries during the past twenty years. We are beginning to do that in our schools as a part of our curriculum.

With the changing emphasis of subject matter in modern textbooks, with changing methods of teaching, and the continued requests from the national government to improve education both to win the war and to perpetuate democracy in our United States, some parents are confused. They complain today that children are not getting the fundamentals of learning which they had in the good old days. It would be helpful if they could read some of the reports of earlier schools. For example, the president of Chicago's board of education wrote in his annual report for 1909: "It is a common complaint among business men that young people seeking employment are not well grounded in fundamentals."

It is true that the earlier school had the pick of the nation's children, especially in the upper grades, for education was not always compulsory, and the less gifted ones quickly flunked out. In spite of this it is clearly evident that today's schools are teaching children to read faster, more smoothly, and with better comprehension than they did before, and this task is accomplished in about one half the learning time required fifty years ago. The emphasis in reading is on the acquisition of knowledge from silent reading rather than from oral reading since continued education for the pupil depends almost entirely on his ability to obtain facts and thoughts from the printed page. It is perhaps true that pupils today do not possess the ability to recite glibly the difficult facts of history, definitions, the tables, and memory lists of our own school days, but our present-day school children are apt to ask us for our scientific evidence underlying our racial prejudices, the proof of our political contentions, or our understanding of international justice in the world that will follow the war.

"Education, once a matter of rote learning, today is seen as being largely a process of growth and adjustment. Emphasis which once was placed almost exclusively on memorizing of facts and figures is now placed more largely upon developments of habits and attitudes, on broader understandings, of concepts, and of social vocational skills.

"There was a time when many educators thought memorizing strengthened the mental powers, and the study of difficult materials increased the competencies of brain function. Modern laboratory research has rejected these claims. . . . We now emphasize the large objectives of improved home membership, better social adjustment, development of integrated personality, and promotion of effective participation in citizenship duties."

An army officer says: "Our kids, American boys, are just kind of automatically wonderful. Just through our own way of life they get something that makes them superior fighters. They don't have to be indoctrinated and have it hammered in for months or years. The fighter pilot flies with his heart. The thing that makes him superior in combat is inside him all the time. Our kids have it, and I think it is something they get naturally, something they get just by growing up in this country. I think that the thing that makes them better fighters is an individual sense of responsibiliy to what they are doing and a capacity to think for themselves."

I do not think any educator could have said it better. "An individual sense of responsibility to what they are doing and a capacity to think for themselves." These are what we want to teach today. Our curriculum has these objectives in mind, and insofar as it is possible with the limitations of war conditions both at home and in school and considering the limitations imposed by our school plant and teaching equipment, we are doing an increasingly better job year by year.

I want to thank the members of the committee, teachers, parents, and pupils for their active co-operation in educating our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MITCHELL.

REPORT OF THE

School Nurse

To Mr. Charles Mitchell

Superintendent of Schools.

I have the honor to present to you my 10th report on the Health Activities of the School.

Just as we are getting well under way with our dental clinic, Dr. Ross was called into the service, so we are equipped with about $150 worth of dental equipment and no one to use it;—all dressed up and no place to go. We were sorry to lose Dr. Ross. He did have the co-operation of the townspeople, and if we had had a little more time we could have cleaned up the worst spot in our school health record. As his orders came so quickly, we had no time to finish up some of our worst cases. However, during the spring Dr. Ross did 48 fillings, 8 extractions, and 2 cleanings. We hope to have a dentist some time during the spring. It is a great advantage to do our dental work on a credit basis, even though we do take a chance on losing some money. However, before we start our clinic again we have to be inspected and licensed.

In September Dr. Manwell examined 51 children. Five children were absent and will be examined in June when Dr. Manwell does her final check-up. One child was sent to Camp Hodgkins in July.

I started out this fall to visit all the homes of school and pre-school children, but I reckoned without consulting the old car. After visiting eight families, the old car became so decrepit I didn't dare to drive it so I didn't cover much ground.

It is with considerable regret that I have decided to give up my work. I find I am not able to do the work as it should be done. In August, 1944, I shall have rounded out thirty-six years of nursing, and I want to retire. When our bodies begin to wear out there are no new parts and no retreads.

I want to close this report thanking you all for your patience, forbearance, and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL CRAIG BRIDGMAN, R.N.

WELL-CHILD CLINIC

To the Board of Health:

The well-child clinic was held June 22 and 23, and twenty-two children were examined. Seven were new cases, fifteen were old cases and two were entering school. The professional staff consisted of Dr. Claire Manwell, and Miss Sally Gibson of the Extensive Service. Mrs. John Hathaway was chairman of the volunteer staff, and serving with her were Mrs. Henry Parsons, Mrs. Richard Warren, Mrs. Webster Judd, registrar, and the school nurse, Mrs. Bridgman. In spite of rationing no increase in nutritional defects was found. Some mothers of small babies found they had not sufficient stamps to buy strained vegetables. In general most mothers are doing good work in planning meals for children. Probably most of us are using the can opener less and the paring knife and chopping bowl more.

It would help greatly in planning the clinic if the mothers would return their cards promptly, as we have to engage our professional workers weeks in advance.

Last year we could have finished in one day if the cards had been returned immediately. I realize that with mothers working, and the gas shortage what it is, it is difficult to plan ahead, but I would like to urge all mothers to be prompt, so that if necessary, others arrangements can be made. We urge all mothers to take advantage of the clinic, because the health of the family is more important than ever before. It is our purpose to help mothers train children in proper health habits and to correct defects early.

The toxoid clinics were held August 29 and October 9. Ten Shick tests were given, seven were negative and three positive. Five children received two doses each of toxoids. Three children who reacted were given one dose of toxoids. Six children were vaccinated.

MABEL CRAIG BRIDGMAN, R.N.

Articles of the Town Warrant

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1944

Ten A.M.—Prompt

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to act as Superintendent of Streets, and fix the salary to comply with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 7. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 10. To take action in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(Other articles may appear in the posted warrant.)